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AMEMBASSY SANA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L.)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

REF: SECTO 24072

1. ROYAL PROTOCOL HAS INFORMED US THAT, THOUGH A CALL ON KING KHALID WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE, APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN SET UP WITH CROWN PRINCE FAHD AND MINDEF PRINCE SULTAN FOR DECEMBER 20, TENTATIVELY AT 10:00 A.M. AND 12 NOON RESPECTIVELY. FONMIN PRINCE SAUD MAY NOT BE BACK IN COUNTRY BY THE TIME OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S VISIT.

2. FOLLOWING IS PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE FOR ATHERTON VISIT (ALL TIMES LOCAL):

DEC 19--1200 ARRIVE JIDDA AIRPORT. MET BY CHARGE, POL/MIL OFFICER JESSE LEWIS (CONTROL OFFICER), AND FONMIN CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AMBASSADOR SALIM SUNBOL (MR. ATHERTON HAS MET AMB. SUNBOL MANY TIMES).

1230 ARRIVE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. PRIVATE

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LUNCH AND REST TIME.

1400-1700 BRIEFINGS AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.  
AMONG THOSE PRESENT WOULD BE CHARGE  
HORAN, CHIEF USMTM GEN. AHMANN, ECON COUNSELOR DANIELS, POL  
CHIEF MURPHY, POL OFFICERS CLOSE AND  
LEWIS. AMBASSADOR SCOTES WILL ALSO  
ATTEND, AS WILL MR. HOENIG DSAA.

1930 FAMILY SUPPER FOR ASST SECRETARY  
ATHERTON AT CHARGE RESIDENCE. MISS  
KAMER AND MR. ABINGTON ALSO INVITED.  
A FILM ("FRONT PAGE") WILL BE AVAILABLE  
FOR SHOWING IF ATHERTON DESIRES. (IF  
DESIRED ATHERTON CAN HAVE PRIVATE  
SUPPER AT THE RESIDENCE).

DEC 20--0900 MEETING IN AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE WITH MEMBERS OF  
EMBASSY STAFF. SHORT REMARKS BY MR. ATHERTON WOULD BE APPRE-  
CIATED.

0945 (TENTATIVE) DEPART FOR MEETING WITH CROWN PRINCE  
FAHD (MEETING TO TAKE PLACE AT JIDDA  
OFFICE OF ROYAL DIWAN ACROSS FROM EMBASSY  
COMPOUND.) SUGGESTED ATTENDEES: MR.  
ATHERTON, CHARGE HORAN, POL CHIEF  
MURPHY.

1200 MEETING WITH MINDEF PRINCE SULTAN AT  
JIDDA MINDEF HEADQUARTERS. SUGGESTED  
ATTENDEES: MR. ATHERTON, HORAN, CHIEF  
USMTM BG AHMANN, MR. HOENIG, POL/MIL  
OFFICER LEWIS. (HORAN MAY INTERPRET).

1330 RETURN TO RESIDENCE. PRIVATE LUNCH.  
AFTERNOON FREE. NOTE: OFFICE FACILITIES  
WILL EXIST AT RESIDENCE IF MR. ATHERTON  
WOULD PREFER TO WORK THERE. AMBASSADOR'S  
OFFICE ALSO AVAILABLE.

2000 DINNER AT CHARGE RESIDENCE HOSTED BY  
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CHARGE AND MRS. HORAN. GUESTS TO  
INCLUDE: MR. ATHERTON, AMBASSADOR  
SCOTES, MISS KAMER, MR. ABINGTON, MR.  
HOENIG, ECON COUNSELOR DANIELS, ADMIN  
COUNSELOR AND MRS. SWEDENBURG, POL  
CHIEF AND MRS. MURPHY, POL OFFICER  
AND MRS. CLOSE, POL/MIL OFFICER LEWIS.

DEC 21--0800 BAGGAGE PICKUP.

0830 DEPART FOR JIDDA AIRPORT.

0900 DEPART JIDDA.

3. WE THINK THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE CHUSMTM BG AHMANN COME TO JIDDA FROM DHAHRAN TO SIT IN ON IN-HOUSE DISCUSSIONS OF ARMS PROBLEMS AND TO ATTEND THE MEETING WITH PRINCE SULTAN. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE TO HAVE GEN AHMANN COME TO JIDDA. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU CONCUR.

4. WE WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE FOR A BRIEF AIRPORT MEETING WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SAUDI NEWS AGENCY ON DEPARTURE. QUESTIONS POSED ON SUCH OCCASIONS HAVE INVARIABLY BEEN EASY TO HANDLE

THIS WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY STATEMENT YOU WISH TO MAKE. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. WE WILL HAVE EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS (NORMALLY CLOSED ON FRIDAY) OPEN FROM 0800 GMT REPEAT GMT DEC 19.

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